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ATMOSPHERE REPORTED "COOL" (WASHPOST, WSJOURNAL) OR "CHILLY"
(NYTIMES) AS HAK LEAVES PRC, STOP IN TOKYO TO BE BRIEF
UNEVENTFUL.

1. WIRES

UPI - NO REPORT AS OF NOON.

AP - FREED FROM TOKYO SAYS PRC ATTACKED US SOVIET POLICY
PUBLICLY "PARTLY TO ENCOURAGE FORCES IN U.S. OPPOSED TO
DETENTE, A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID TODAY." CONCERN
OVER DETENTE "REFLECTS A NEED OF CURRENT LEADERS IN PEKING
TO CEMENT THEIR POSITION BY ACTING FIRMLY TOWARD BOTH
MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON." OFFICIAL INSISTED, DURING BRIEFING
WHILE FLYING TO TOKYO, "THAT KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH CHAIRMAN
MAO AND DEPUTY PREMIER TENGWERE SATISFACTORY AND ACHIEVED
NOTHING MORE NOR LESS THAN WAS ORIGINALLY EXPECTED." IN
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SEPARATE ITEM, WITHOUT BYLINE FROM TOKYO, SENIOR OFFICIAL

CITED SAYING MAO IS "STILL EXTRAORDINARILY PERCEPTIVE DESPITE
HIS AGE AND HAS EVEN LEARNED A FEW WORDS OF ENGLISH...KEEPS

ABREAST OF ALL MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS...HAK, WHO SPENT AN HOUR AND 40 MINUTES WITH MAO, WAS IMPRESSED BY FACT THAT OLD MAN KNEW EVERY DETAIL OF HAK'S TALKS IN PEKING. MAO COULD NOT HAVE GAINED SUCH EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE FROM A BRIEFING OFFICIAL SAID, HE HAD TO HAVE READ A TRANSCRIPT OF TALKS."

2. NEWSPAPERS

NYTIMES - GELB ON FRONT PAGE SAYS VISIT "ENDED LAST NIGHT AS IT BEGAN, WITH DISAGREEMENT OVER WASHINGTON'S POLICY OF DETENTE, BUT WITH RELATIONS BETWEEN U. S. AND PRC INTACT." TOASTS EXCHANGED "IN A SOMEWHAT CHILLY ATMOSPHERE -..BOTH MEN USED WORDS THAT RANK NEAR BOTTOM OF CHINESE DIPLOMATIC VOCABULARY; CHIAO REFERRED TO 'FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE' OF TALK BETWEEN MAO AND HAK, BUT CHARACTERIZED OTHER CONVERSATIONS AS 'FRANK' AND 'USEFUL'." DIPLOMATS SAID DATE FOR FORD VISIT SET. CHINESE "PERSISTED IN THEME THAT U.S. HAS BEEN APPEASING USSR AND WAS THUS RISKING ANOTHER WORLD WAR. HAK WAS SAID TO HAVE RESPONDED THAT DETENTE WAS NOT VIEWED AS SUBSTITUTE FOR STRONG DEFENSE AND THAT DETENTE SERVED AS A LEVER TO RESTRAIN SOVIET EXPANSION."

ON WESTERN EUROPE, SALT, "CHINESE WERE SAID TO HAVE CRITICIZED AMERICAN POLICY WITHOUT OFFERING ALTERNATIVES. HAK DID NOT ASK FOR ALTERNATIVES, AND CHINESE INDICATED THAT THEIR ROLE WAS SIMPLY TO ALERT AND NOT TO SUGGEST POLICY FOR ANOTHER NATION." ON KOREA, PRC REPEATED POSITION THAT U.S. SHOULD WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM ROK AND TALK DIRECTLY WITH DPRK. "HAK WAS SAID TO HAVE ANSWERED THAT U.S. WOULD REMOVE ITS TROOPS ONLY AFTER PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECURITY IN KOREA HAD BEEN WORKED OUT AND THAT COULD BE NEGOTIATED ONLY ALONG WITH SOUTH KOREA." TOASTS CITED, EXPLAINED. "THE AMERICAN DIPLOMATS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WERE SERIOUS DIFFERENCES ON HOW TO DEAL WITH MOSCOW IN CERTAIN AREAS, BUT THEY SAID THESE WERE WELLKNOWN BEFOREHAND. CHINESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS HAVE COME A LONG UNCLASSIFIED

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WAY AND ARE GOOD, BUT ARE NOW MARKINGTIME, THEY SAID, STRESSING POSITIVE SIGNIFICANCE OF HAK'S MEETING WITH MAO YESTERDAY."

WASH POST - GREENWAY ON PAGE 18 SAYS HAK'S "FAREWELL BANQUET HERE ENDED ON A COOL NOTE WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH TOASTS INDICATING THAT AMERICANS AND CHINESE HAVE AGREED TO DISAGREE ON MANY OF ISSUES THAT DIVIDE THEM. PRESIDENT FORD'S SCHEDULED VISIT HAS CHINA'S BLESSING AND BASIC SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP IS STILL INTACT...BUT JUDGING

FROM REMARKS AT BANQUET THERE CANNOT HAVE BEEN MUCH AGREEMENT DURING WORKING SESSIONS WITH VICE PREMIER TENG."

SOME SOURCES DESCRIBED CHIAO'S TOAST AS "UNUSUALLY CURT."
HAK DID NOT EXPECT BIG BREAKTHROUGH, PRC EXPECTED NO GREAT
PROGRESS BUT "THEY WELCOME MR. FORD REGARDLESS."

DESPITE INDICATED PRC PATIENCE ON TAIWAN ISSUE, THEY ARE
"DISAPPOINTED THAT RELATIONSHIP HAS NOT PROGRESSED FURTHER."

HAK DID NOT TRY HIS CHINESE AGAIN, SOME AIDES SUGGESTED IT
SOUNDED LIKE KARL MARX WOULD HAVE. POSING NEXT TO CLAY
STATUE, HAK PREDICTED TROUBLE TELLING "WHICH ONE IS FOR
REAL."

WSJOURNAL - KEATLEY ON PAGE 12 SAYS COOL FINALE "WON'T
JEOPARDIZE LIMITED U.S./PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIP."
DISAGREEMENTS REMAIN ON MAJOR ISSUES: TAIWAN, DETENTE.
HAK CONTENDED THAT FRAGILE TIES WILL BE STRENGTHENED BE-
CAUSE EACH SIDE WANTS IT. CHIAO TOAST "MORE CIVIL THAN
FRIENDLY...RATHER BRUSQUE...ALMOST RUDE." BUT MEETING WITH
MAO, "UNUSUALLY LONG...GAVE HIGHEST POSSIBLE BLESSING"
TO U.S./PRC RELATIONS. ALSO, FORD VISIT ON TRACKS, BE-
LIEVED PLANNED FOR ABOUT DECEMBER 1.

IN GENERAL, NO PLAN TO STRENGTHEN TIES, DISAGREEMENTS REMAIN,
BUT THIN RELATIONSHIP STILL VALUABLE.

(CHITRIB, LATIMES NOT IN.)

3. NETWORKS
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B. KALB, CBS RADIO, FIRST LINE REPORT - HAK TRIP TO PEKING
HAS ENDED -- FOUR DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS PLUS A BIT OF SIGHT-
SEEING, AND BIG BIT OF BANQUETS, DESIGNED TO NOURISH RELA-
TIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND CHINA. THESE RELATIONS, ARE, IN A
SENSE, ANEMIC. NO SURPRISE THAT, SINCE THEY WERE BLOOD-
LESS JUST THREE AND A HALF YEARS AGO. IT WAS PRESIDENT
NIXON'S VISIT TO PEKING IN FEB 1972 THAT PUMPED STIRRINGS
OF LIFE INTO A RELATIONSHIP THAT HAD BEEN DEAD FOR YEARS.
IN FACT, NOT DEAD AS MUCH AS HOSTILE, ANTAGONISTIC,
VIRULENT. THAT JOURNEY TO PEKING WAS A DIPLOMATIC SPECTA-
CULAR. THAT VISIT SET UP AN EXTRAVAGANT BUT UNOFFICIAL
SENSE OF EXPECTANCY ABOUT FUTURE OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.
BUT FACT IS THAT NO AMOUNT OF PEKING DUCK, BRAISED SHARK
FINS, AND CHINESE CABBAGE WITH MUSHROOMS -- ROUTINE MENU
WITH STATE BANQUETS HERE -- CAN COVER UP OBVIOUS, THAT TWO
COUNTRIES ARE IDEOLOGICAL ADVERSARIES DISAGREEING ON A WIDE
VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES BUT BROUGHT TOGETHER BY
THEIR MUTUAL POWER.
IT WAS PRICE OF NAIVETE TO EXPECT THAT HAK'S LATEST VISIT
TO PEKING WOULD SUDDENLY PRODUCE ANY MAJOR BREAKTHROUGHS
IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THERE IS TRADE BETWEEN CHINA
AND U.S.; EXCHANGES OF SCIENTISTS, SCHOLARS AND PING PONG

PLAYERS; BUT THERE IS ALSO CONTINUING DISAGREEMENT ON IDEOLOGY, KOREA, AND DETENTE WITH SOVIET UNION, TO LIST JUST A FEW ITEMS.

INDEED, ON DETENTE THERE IS AN IRRECONCILABLE GAP AND A REPORTER IN PEKING LISTENING TO WHAT SOME OF HIS CHINESE HOSTS WERE SAYING COULD NOT RESIST CONCLUSION THAT CHINESE FEEL THAT U.S. IS BEING NAIVE TO PLACE EVEN SLIGHTEST FAITH IN ANYTHING RUSSIANS SAY OR SIGN. INDEED, THAT CHINESE FEEL THAT U.S. IS, IN A SENSE, APPEASING RUSSIANS. IN FACT, IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY SOME ANALYSTS THAT SECRET DREAM OF CHINESE IS FOR U.S. TO RETURN TO DAYS OF COLD WAR WITH RUSSIANS. THAT WOULD LEAVE WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW PREOCCUPIED WITH EACH OTHER, AND LEAVE CHINA, MORE OR LESS, FREE TO PURSUE HER OWN REVOLUTIONARY POLICIES AROUND WORLD.

BUT HAK HAS SOUGHT TO TRIANGULATE DETENTE AND HIS VISIT
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HERE WAS AIMED AT FIRING UP SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WITHOUT IN ANY WAY JEOPARDIZING SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. GIVEN THAT BACKGROUND, FACT THAT TOASTS EXCHANGED BY HAK AND HIS CHINESE COUNTERPART AT LAST NIGHT'S FAREWELL BANQUET, FACT THAT TOASTS WERE LOW KEY, MUTED WAS NO REAL SURPRISE, BUT RATHER A FAIRLY ACCURATE INDICATOR TO STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

BUT THERE ARE TWO OBVIOUS AND POSITIVE ELEMENTS RIGHT NOW WITH WAY THINGS ARE GOING BETWEEN PEKING AND WASHINGTON. FOR ONE THING THERE WAS MEETING BETWEEN CHAIRMAN MAO AND HAK TUESDAY NIGHT. A MEETING WITH 81-YEAR OLD CHINESE LEADER IS NOT AN INVITATION TO A TEA PARTY. IT IS A CALCULATED ACT OF POLICY WITH AN IMMENSE SIGNIFICANCE. AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE IS THAT CHAIRMAN HAS ONCE AGAIN PUT HIS PUBLIC STAMP OF APPROVAL ON SINO-AMERICAN RAPPROACHMENT. FOR ANOTHER, THERE IS UPCOMING VISIT BY PRESIDENT FORD, EXPECTED SHORTLY AFTER THANKSGIVING. ALL TOGETHER, SINO-AMERICAN CONNECTION MAY BE LIMITED, BUT FACT THAT IT SERVES NATIONAL INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES MAKES IT A FACT WITH A FUTURE.

TED KOPPEL, ABC TV - ON BALANCE, COLOR HAK SATISFIED. YES, THERE ARE SHARP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN U. S. AND CHINA OVER U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE. IDEALLY, HAK BELIEVES, PEKING'S LEADERSHIP WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TOTAL, IRRECONCILABLE HOSTILITY BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW. IT WOULD, AFTER ALL, NEUTRALIZE CHINA'S TWO MOST POWERFUL ADVERSARIES. BUT HAK IS EQUALLY CONVINCED THAT ISSUE OF DETENTE IS NOT GOING TO CAUSE A RIFT IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. CHINESE WANT THERE TO BE NO DOUBT OVER CONTINUING POSITIVE TREND IN THAT RELATIONSHIP. THAT TO THEM

IS SYMBOLIC VALUE IN HAVING PRESIDENT FORD COME TO PEKING LATE NEXT MONTH. IN SHORT, EACH SIDE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THOSE POLICIES THAT IT SEES AS BEING IN ITS OWN BEST INTERESTS. AND FOR MOMENT, AT LEAST, BOTH PEKING AND WASHINGTON SEE A POSITIVE SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP IN THAT LIGHT.

MELINDA KNICKS, CBS RADIO, TOKYO - AFTER A REPORTEDLY COLD RECEPTION IN CHINA, HAK IS BACK IN A COUNTRY WHERE UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICANS ARE ENJOYING UNPRECEDENTED POPULARITY. THIS RESULTS FROM LAST YEAR'S VISIT HERE BY PRESIDENT FORD AND RECENT SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO U.S. BY EMPEROR HIROHITO AND EMPRESS NAGAKO.

NO STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE CALLED ON OCCASION OF HAK VISIT, AND THAT IS AS GOOD A SIGN AS ANY OF WARM WELCOME, FOR THERE HAS BEEN A CONSTANT REFRAIN TO GESTURES OF JAPANESE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP.

HAK IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH JAPANESE FM MIYAZAWA AND FINANCE MINISTER OHIRA LATER TODAY. FRIDAY, HE WILL SEE PM TAKEO MIKI TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST RESULTING FROM HIS TRIP TO CHINA.

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